

CITY OF WAPATO

Regular Council Meeting
Minutes of July 18, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Margaret Estrada called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

- a. Welcome by Mayor Margaret Estrada
- b. Flag Salute Led by Council Member Frank Jaime

ROLL CALL:

- a. Council Members in attendance: Chuck Stephens, Rita Alvarado, Frank Jaime, Ken Workman, Frances Ayres, Elizabeth Villa via zoom, Caroline Solis.
- b. City Staff in attendance: Police Chief Nolan Wentz, Fire Chief Bob Clark.
- c. Others that were present: Recorder Judy Devall, Clerk Alondra Juarez

MEETING AGENDA:

No Additions & Deletions. Council member Caroline Solis made motion for no additions/deletions. Council member Ken Workman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes from July 5, 2022 were presented for approval. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of July 5th Meeting Minutes. Council member Rita Alvarado made motion to approve meeting minutes from July 5th. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the consent agenda. Council member Ken Workman made motion for the approval of the claims and payroll vouchers. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Approval of Bid for Inspire Building Restoration Project. Nancy Wetch was on hand to say that once the approval of the bid it could be about 2 to 3 weeks to start the restoration. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of the bid for the Inspire Building Restoration Project. Council member Frank Jaime made motion to approve the bid for the Inspire Building Restoration Project. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Approval of Ordinance 2022-04 Regarding Civil Protection Orders. Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the approval of Ordinance 2022-04 Civil Protection Order. Council member Frank Jaime made motion to approve Ordinance 2022-04 Civil Protection Order. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief: Bob Clark stated that fire calls for July 2022 has surpassed the calls of July 2021. The drone is in. It is fully covered by insurance. Chief Clark brought the drone to show the council what was purchased. As soon as the operators are trained Chief Clark will give a demonstration to council. Animal control officer George Mendoza Garcia has been busy with strays and with the heat making sure that the animals have water. For Code Enforcement: Chief Clark's focus has been on commercial areas, but he is going to switch gears to the residential. There has been a lot of graffiti and Chief Clark will be out making sure people are taking care of it.

Public Works Director: Jeff Schumacker started out by apologizing for not being at the meeting last week. With the power outage in Wapato, they lost different sensors at the sewer and water plant. Thank you to the public works workers that stepped up their game and worked odd hours to get things back up and running. The wastewater treatment plant is back to normal. Mr. Schumacker presented some pictures of banners that he would like to put downtown. They would be purchased with ARPA funds. He would also like to look into getting some benches.

Police Chief: Nolan Wentz stated that Officer Art Alcazar graduated from the police academy last Thursday. Jasmine Garcia will graduate August 11th. Chief Wentz will have Officer Alcazar and Stephas come in next meeting to meet the council members. The crime lab that Yakima has been working on has passed. Chief Wentz is looking forward to seeing what it will provide. National night out is coming up. It will be held in the park. The police department is working hard on getting things together. The cameras are in and are to be installed July 19th. It should only take a couple of days to get them up. There is a power pole in the middle of the parking lot of the Inspire Building. Chief is having it moved to the back of the building. It will only cost \$3700.00.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Gina Ramos: Ms. Ramos wanted to know why her water bill was so high. Program Specialist Alondra Juarez explained that the sewer tax had gone up at the beginning of the year which was 33%. If Ms. Ramos would look at her bill at the chart that shows consumption, she would notice that for six months there were no meter reads taken, the last time the meter was read was in December. Meters were read in June. There is a real high consumption. So what was done every customer got 10,000 meters. Anything over the 10,000 was divided by 6. Customers were not charged for the past six months.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Margaret Estrada called for the adjournment of the meeting. Council member Frank Jaime made motion to adjourn. Council member Chuck Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Margaret Estrada, Mayor

Kathy Davis, Clerk